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Encl: (1) Functional Guide for Planning and Conducting the

Annual Marine Corps War Memorial Ceremony

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To publish guidance for planning and conducting an annual memorial ceremony at the Marine Corps War Memorial.

2. Cancellation. HQO 5060.2F.

3. Background

- a. The reference requires that all Marine Corps activities provide for suitable observance of the Marine Corps Birthday on 10 November. It also provides that when 10 November falls on a Sunday, the Marine Corps Birthday will be celebrated on the preceding Saturday, 9 November.
- b. As part of the birthday observance, this Headquarters will conduct a memorial ceremony at the Marine Corps War Memorial, Arlington, Virginia, on the Marine Corps Birthday or on 9 November, as appropriate.

4. <u>Information</u>

- a. Planning for the Annual Marine Corps War Memorial ceremony is accomplished by the establishment of an ad hoc committee under the direction of the Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, DC.
- b. Planning guidance for the ad hoc committee and the responsibilities of staff agencies of the Headquarters and other participating Marine Corps commands are set forth in the enclosure.

5. Action

a. The Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, will act as the ceremony director and will initiate action commencing 1 September of each year to plan and conduct the memorial ceremony. The Commanding Officer will also provide appropriate troops as required for the conduct of the ceremony.

- b. The Director of Public Affair will designate a representative to serve on the ad hoc planning committee and will schedule th United States Marine Band to participate in rehearsals and the ceremony as required by the ceremony director.
- c. The Director of Administration and Resource Management will provide administrative support for the memorial ceremony and will designate a representative to serve on the ad hoc planning committee.
- d. The Chaplain, U.S. Marine Corps will participate in the planning of the memorial ceremony to the extent necessary to ensure appropriate religious observance.
- e. The Aide-de-Camp to the Commandant will provide information as indicated in the enclosure and other planning information as may be required by the ceremony director.
- f. The Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion will provide the support required in the enclosure but will not designate a representative to serve on the ad hoc planning committee.

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